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RUMORS CIRCULATED GOVERNMENT CIRCLES END LAST WEEK THAT GOJ HAD SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR 36 FRENCH MIRAGES AND OCTOBER 4 LOCAL PRESS REPORTS RADIO TEL AVIV BROADCAST THAT GOJ HAS REACHED AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE 24 MIRAGES WITH CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOF. HOWEVER AS RECENTLY AS OCTOBER 3 BOTH PRIMIN AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED THAT WHILE AMER KHAMMASH IN PARIS NEGOTIATING THIS SUBJECT THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED

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ANY REPORT ON NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS OR AGREEMENT REACHED.

PRIMIN COMMENTED THAT FRENCH APPEARED ONLY REMAINING AVENUE TO WESTERN SUPERSONICS AND THEREFORE AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE MIRAGES WAS "ESSENTIAL" IN LIGHT OF DECISION TAKEN AT RECENT ARAB SUMMIT. HE SAID GOJ WOULD WITHOUT DOKJT BE TURNING TO US FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ONCE TERMS OF AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE KNOWN BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT FORM THIS MIGHT TAKE. I ASKED IF THEY HAD CONSIDERED REQUESTING SAUDI ARABIA FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND HE REPLIED THAT KING HAD MENTIONED TO BOTH SAUDIS AND KUWAITIS HIS NEED FOR ASSISTANCE BUT REACTION SO NEGATIVE IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS THAT SUBJECT HAD NOT BEEN PURSUED.

PRIMIN SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH US AS SOON AS KHAMMASH RETURNED.

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